

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PARK POLICE ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I am today introducing the Park Police Enhancement Act. This legislation is long overdue and would help the United States Park Police solve two particular, albeit small, problems that have been plaguing this police force for a number of years, namely, medical payments and mutual aid agreements dealing with indemnification.

The first section of this bill clarifies that medical payments to qualifying Park Police personnel will be made by the Park Service. This will significantly speed up the process for reimbursements to the Park Police personnel. Currently, payments are routed through the District of Columbia, who eventually distributes the reimbursements. This process is overly burdensome and frequently takes months to complete.

Section 2 of the bill would provide express authority for the National Park Service to enter into mutual aid agreements with adjacent law enforcement agencies, for example those in Maryland or Virginia. Both of these states require that each party to the agreements be indemnified and hold the assisting agency harmless from claims by third parties dealing with property damage or personal injury.

Both of these sections will help the Park Police function better and is necessary to address identified problems that have hindered the effectiveness of the US Park Police. The Park Police deserve nothing less.

KRISTINA SEMOS NAMED
NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR**HON. MARTIN FROST**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, today I commend an outstanding student, Kristina Semos, for her commitment to excellence in academics and as a citizen. Next week Kristina will graduate from the Talented and Gifted Magnet High School at Townview Center in Dallas, TX, where she is valedictorian of her class. Her strong academic performance has led her to be named a National Merit Scholar, an honor for which she will receive \$1,000 annually. That should come in handy while she's attending Brown University this fall.

Kristina has also served her community in a number of ways, including fundraising for the AIDS Lifewalk, helping build houses with Habitat for Humanity and participating in various activities at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox

Church. She is a gifted math and computer science student, earning first place honors on multiple occasions from the Dallas Public Schools Mathematics Olympiad and honors from the Dallas Public Schools Computer Olympiad as well.

Additionally, Kristina is a talented musician, singing in her church choir, earning various awards in State musical competitions, playing in the all city band and participating in her school's German Folk Dancing Group. With all these achievements, Kristina is truly a well-rounded individual.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Kristina Semos for her truly remarkable scholastic, service, and leadership abilities. With confidence, I look forward to her future contributions to our great Nation.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS A.
JACOBSEN**HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Tom Jacobsen, an individual of great importance to the Los Angeles trade community. Tom, president of Jacobsen Pilot Service, Inc., will today be inducted into the World Trade Center Association Los Angeles-Long Beach (WTCA LA-LB) Hall of Fame.

Tom is being honored for his important contributions to international commerce. His professional achievements are numerous in the advancement of trade and economic success of the Los Angeles region. I congratulate him on receiving this prestigious honor.

The WTCA LA-LB is a prominent membership-based trade organization and a leader within the global World Trade Centers Association network of 320 offices in 97 countries. It is a leading provider of trade connections, resources, and trade assistance, helping companies expand their international contacts within the trade community.

Tom began working for the family business as a young man. Upon graduation from the California Maritime Academy in 1988, he spent several years gaining valuable experience at sea aboard oil tankers and general cargo ships. In 1992 he started the pilot training program and upon completion of over 1,500 piloted ship moves between 1992 and 1995, Tom stepped into management at Jacobsen Pilot Service, Inc. He soon became president of the business in 1998.

Jacobsen Pilot Service, Inc. has been a pioneer in piloting. They officially started piloting in 1925 in Long Beach, and they continue to be a leader in the industry.

I commend Tom Jacobsen for his commitment to trade and the economic vitality of the Los Angeles region. I wish him and Jacobsen Pilot Service, Inc. continued success.

LOCAL TEACHER DAVID RAU PRESENTED WITH SAM'S CLUB "TEACHER OF THE YEAR" AWARD

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, today I commend Mr. David Rau for his tremendous contributions to educate children and improve our community. On May 9, 2000, SAM's National Wholesale Food Club awarded him with the honor of being their "Teacher of the Year."

"Teacher of the Year" is the highest honor that SAM's can present to an American educator. Nearly 3,000 teachers are honored nationwide every year. Each teacher receives an educational grant in the amount of \$500, for which he or she can designate how the funds will be spent. Since 1996, more than \$5.1 million in education grants have been given by SAM's to schools across the country. Each Wal-Mart store, SAM's Wholesale Club, Distribution Center and Transportation Office is allowed one winner. The Amarillo SAM's Club selected Mr. Rau from the Amarillo school district applicants, and the national headquarters named their finalists from these selected teachers.

As a middle school teacher at St. Andrews Episcopal School in Amarillo, Texas, Mr. Rau's motivation has inspired and encouraged students to pursue their dreams over the years. He is the kind of teacher who makes learning fun and exciting. He sets his students on a path for their future and steers them in a positive direction. I commend Mr. Rau for his dedication to providing the best possible education each child can get and congratulate him on being the "Teacher of the Year."

INTRODUCTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today I'm pleased to introduce by request the Administration's Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (or WRDA 2000). The proposal constitutes the Department of the Army's Civil Works legislative program for the Second Session of the 106th Congress.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee works very closely with the Administration, particularly the Army Corps of Engineers and the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), to ensure that the nation's largest water resources program is effective

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